# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TEXTILES
# LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF COTTON BY COTTON CORPORATION OF INDIA
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Cotton Corporation of India has not been able to procure the cotton from the farmers resulting in the steep fall in the cotton prices ;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard ;

(c) whether the Cotton Federation had put forward any demand in this regard ;and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): No Sir, the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) as a nodal agency of the Government of India to undertakes MSP operations, as and when kapas prices touch the MSP level.. The CCI opens procurement centres in various cotton growing States, depending upon the arrivals of kapas in the market yard and availability of other infrastructural facilities like ginning and pressinga and warehousing etc. for processing and storage of cotton bales respectively. In order to help the cotton farmers located in remote areas, CCi also does operate satellite centres and arranges transportation of kapas to the processing point . the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) is able to procure adequate quantity of cotton under MSP, it has achieved its stated objectives. The loss occurred and reimbursed to CCI during 2001-02, 2004-05 and 2005-06 on MSP operations are as under:-

(b): Does not arise. The Government's measures have ensured remunerative prices to the cotton growers.

(c)& (d): Yes Sir, the Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Grower's Marketing Federation demanded for performing MSP operations in the State of Maharashtra as an agent on behalf of Government of India, the Government of Maharashtra was informed that they may approach NAFED directly through Ministry of Agriculture for the purpose of conducting MSP operations in Maharashtra.